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Ridley-Thomas Statement on Board of Supervisors' Agreement to Settle Lawsuit Involving Hospital Death of Edith Rodriguez

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today issued the following statement regarding Board of Supervisors' agreement to pay \$3 million to settle a lawsuit brought by the children of Ms. Edith Rodriguez.

"Now that justice has been served, we should now focus our efforts on opening a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital that provides quality health care to residents of South Los Angeles.

I trust that we all can take hope in knowing that the level of medical services throughout the County has significantly improved, and we will strive to bring exemplary services – for all patients.

The recent announcement of a framework, in which the new King Hospital would be governed by a new, independent, non-profit organization with medical care provided by University of California physicians, was a significant development -- one that we should work tirelessly to bring to fruition."

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